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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

September 19, 2008

Dear Stakeholder:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority's public board meeting will be held Wednesday, October 1, at the Fresno Board of Supervisors Chambers located at 2281 Tulare Street, Room 300 in Fresno, California. **Please note the meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 am.**

The meeting agenda includes:

- Update on the UC Berkeley study currently underway which focuses on the potential for Transit Oriented Development in the Central Valley led by Professor Elizabeth Deakin.
- Overview of the Fresno Rail Consolidation Study by Bob Schaevitz.
- Presentation of the California High-Speed Rail Economic Impact Report for the Sacramento/Central Valley Area by Shawn Kantor, Ph.D. County Bank Professor of Economics at the University of California, Merced.
- Closed session to confer with legal counsel regarding: *Town of Atherton et al. v California High Speed Rail Authority, Sacramento Superior Court, Case No.34-2008-80000022.*

Highlights of the September 3rd, meeting include:

- Report by Stuart Cohen from the Transportation and Land Use Coalition on the feasibility of achieving zero greenhouse gas emissions from the electricity needed to operate the high-speed train system.
- Overview of the master plan for the development of Lindbergh Field by Mike Zdon of San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).
- Overview of the preliminary design and project-specific environmental rankings for the Altamont, San Francisco to San Jose and the San Jose to Merced corridors. Staff will request authorization to enter into contracts.

For more information on California's high-speed train, visit www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov.

I look forward to seeing you in Fresno.

Sincerely,

Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director